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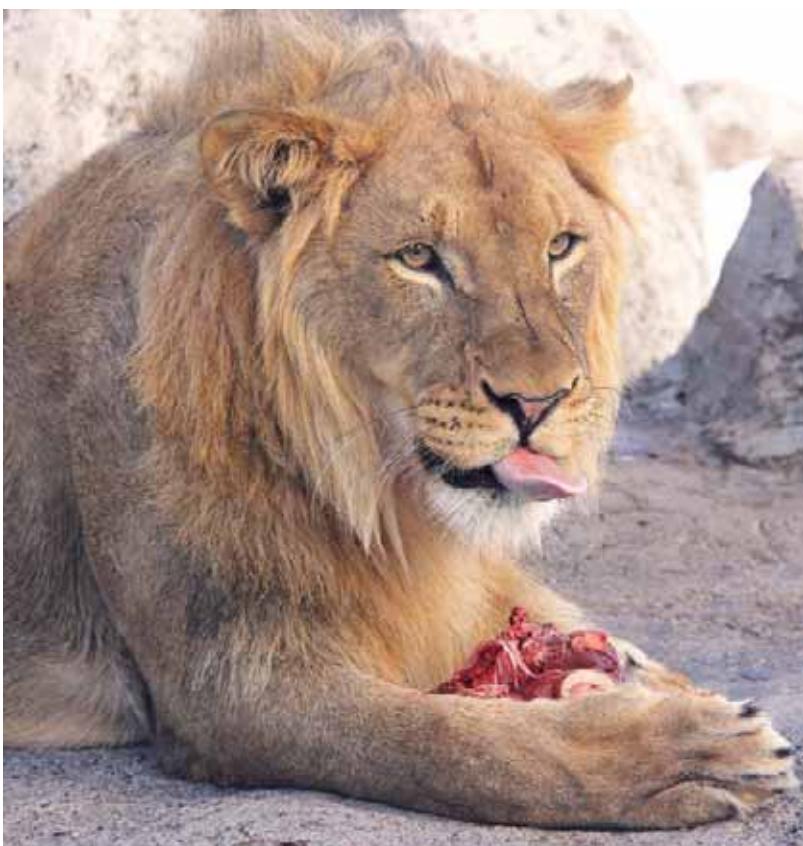
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NICE TO MEET YOU

The Calgary Zoo introduced two new male lions to the public Thursday, including Aslan, pictured here. For more on the lions, turn to page 3. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Property values up by 3 per cent: City assessment

Annual adjustment.

Calgary unveils estimated values for city properties and businesses, which will form the basis for 2013 tax bills

Calgary homeowners, your 2013 assessment notices are in the mail and when they arrive, the key number to keep in mind is three.

As in, three per cent.

According to acting city assessor Harvey Fairfield, if the value of your home increased by more than three per cent over last year, you can expect to pay relatively more in taxes.

By contrast, if your assessment grew by less than three

per cent or decreased compared to last year, Fairfield said you can expect to pay less tax.

That's due to Calgary's "revenue neutral" tax system, which automatically adjusts the tax rate based on the total change in assessment.

"When the assessment base grows, our tax rate automatically drops," Mayor Naheed Nenshi explained to Metro in an earlier interview.

So, what effectively matters for your tax bill is how much your property's value changed relative to the change in value of all properties in Calgary.

Fairfield said 57 per cent of residential properties will see a revenue-neutral tax decrease this year, while 43 per cent will see an increase.

Ninety-five per cent of residential properties will see a

Going up

- The median assessment for a single-family home is \$410,000, up from \$400,000 in 2012.
- The median condo assessment is \$250,000, up from \$240,000 in 2012.

change in value of 10 per cent or less, he added.

There are roughly 441,700 residential properties on the city's tax roll, totalling \$175 billion in assessed value.

Calgary's total property roll, including non-residential properties, now stands at \$254 billion, up from \$232 billion the year before.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Fresh start after killings

Classes resume for Sandy Hook students in Newtown, Conn., at a different building that police guards say is now "the safest school in America" PAGE 8

Wild-card weekend

Seattle Seahawks QB Russell Wilson leads his team into a clash with the Washington Redskins in one of four NFL playoff games this weekend PAGE 25

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Calgary Zoo

Pair of lions make their debut

After nearly six months in the city, two male lions finally made their public debut at the Calgary Zoo Thursday.

Baruti and Aslan — two-year-olds born at the

Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, D.C. — arrived in Calgary in July and have since completed the required quarantine period.

They will not breed with the zoo's two older female lions, Tisha and Mbira, who are 17 years old, but curator Jamie Dorgan said they do hope to breed the males in the

coming years.

"In the future these boys will get a recommendation to breed when we get some new females in, but that's probably five to 10 years down the road."

Aslan and Baruti can be found in the outdoor lion exhibit in Destination Africa.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Pair injured after more dog attacks

Bylaw officers seized two dogs that allegedly attacked a woman Wednesday night and are also investigating a fight between two dogs that resulted in human injuries Thursday morning.

The first incident occurred in Whitehorn when a woman out walking was allegedly attacked by two pit-bull cross-breed dogs that were at large, said Doug Frizzell of animal and bylaw services.

He said police responded to the scene and the dogs' owner eventually helped corral the animals into the back of a police car. The dogs were then handed over to bylaw officers and remain in city custody.

"They'll be here until we've finished our investigation and reviewed the matter with the law department," Frizzell said.

Charges are pending against the dogs' owner, Frizzell added, and they will depend on the extent of the woman's injuries.

The Thursday incident happened on private property near Memorial Drive and 58th Street N.E.

Frizzell said it appears one dog hopped over a fence in pursuit of a magpie and ended up in a fight with a dog in the neighbouring yard.

No animals were seized and one of the owners suffered minor injuries trying to separate the dogs, he said.

These latest incidents come after three dogs were seized Monday following a fight in an Ogden off-leash area that left a Pomeranian dead.

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Residential fire

Hockey-stick blaze extinguished

Fire crews responded to a southwest home early Thursday to find a pile of hockey sticks that had caught fire.

Around 3 a.m., the Calgary Fire Department arrived at

a home in the 300 block of Sackville Drive S.W. to find a family of four waiting outside.

Investigators say one of the family members arrived home late and found that the sticks, which were stacked against the attached garage, were ablaze.

The fire caused minimal damage. METRO

Wildrose rolls dice on lotto plan for arenas



Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith speaks to reporters Thursday about using the Keno lottery game to fund Edmonton's proposed downtown arena.

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Gambit. Rebranding and expanding Keno game could raise funds for new sports facilities in Alberta, Smith says

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL
Metro in Edmonton

Alberta's official Opposition says a lottery game could help fund sports projects in the province, including the proposed Edmonton arena.

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith told media on Thursday the Keno game could be "re-vamped, rebranded and re-marketed" to cover additional revenues needed by sports arenas.

Revenue generated from Keno could cover the \$100-million funding gap for the Edmonton arena within five years, while avoiding the use of tax dollars to support the project, said Smith.

"This type of arrangement will take co-operation," she said.

"It will take co-operation between Alberta Gaming and Liquor, the two major cities — Edmonton and Calgary — and the respective NHL franchises."

Keno raised \$3.1 million in revenue in Alberta last year.

The digital-gaming program is found in 88 bingo halls, casinos and gaming rooms in

Details

- In Alberta, a Keno draw takes place every five minutes and draw results are usually displayed on venue television screens.
- The maximum payout is \$100,000.
- Smith said Keno is an innovative funding solution that would allow fans to directly support their teams.

Alberta.

Smith pointed out that in British Columbia, Keno brought in \$235 million from more than 4,000 locations last year.

"We're just trying to be constructive to propose a gaming option that we know works elsewhere," Smith said.

According to Wildrose party estimates, if a Keno rebranded by Alberta's NHL teams were offered in 1,000 bars and 2,200 lottery outlets in the province, the system could bring in \$196 million a year.

The Wildrose party estimates that \$137 million would go to winners, \$5 million to administration, \$5 million to hosts and the remaining \$49 million would be split between Edmonton (\$20 million), Calgary (\$20 million) and charities (\$9 million).

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High Performance Rodeo

Here are five shows to check out at Calgary's international arts fest

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Arts festival kicks off this weekend

Calgary's international festival of the arts, the High Performance Rodeo, begins this weekend and runs until Feb. 3 at the Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts.

Metro takes a look at five shows you shouldn't miss.

For tickets and more info, go to hprodeo.ca.

Ride the Cyclone: Atomic Vaudeville

Take one part Glee, one part Beetlejuice, throw in some carnival weirdness and you have yourself one of the most exhilarating and creative Canadian musical-theatre productions in recent years. The show, performed by Victoria, B.C. company Atomic Vaudeville, has been called outrageous and genius.

Jan. 9-12, Martha Cohen Theatre



Metamorphosis: Lyric Hammersmith and Vesturport

Australian singer/composer Nick Cave and his Bad Seeds collaborator Warren Ellis supply the mesmerizing soundtrack to this critically acclaimed stage adaptation of Franz Kafka's novella.

Jan. 9-Jan. 13, Max Bell Theatre



People You May Know: One Yellow Rabbit

Calgary's legendary experimental theatre company premieres its latest multimedia production, in which the actors' faces are manipulated in odd and hilarious ways on a screen above their heads.

Jan. 16-Feb. 2, Big Secret Theatre



10-Minute Play Festival: Downstage

A favourite, the 10-Minute Play Festival pits some of the city's coolest indie theatre companies against each other as they try to come up with an original 10-minute play in 24 hours, using only a single prop and one line of dialogue as inspiration.

Jan. 4, 8 p.m. Martha Cohen Theatre

Up Close: Alberta Ballet

One of the most popular shows of last year's festival, Up Close features 31 dancers from Alberta Ballet performing three pieces choreographed by Yukichi Hattori, Alexandre Ballard and One Yellow Rabbit's Denise Clarke.

Jan. 15-Jan. 18, Martha Cohen Theatre



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DON'T SWEAT THE POST-CHRISTMAS BLUES



IN DEFENCE OF
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Christmas is a cruel time of year.

For two months, we're inundated with cheery Christmas carols, holiday movies and countless parties. The holidays fill us with a spirit of generosity that makes us spend more money than other times of the year (even though our paycheques remain tragically the same).

Then, before you know it, Christmas is over and we're left with a house full of pine needles, mounds of leftover wrapping paper and more bills than an exhibit at Ducks Unlimited.

So if you're like me, you're now desperate to cut costs, hoping to make up for months of reckless spending. But being broke in Calgary doesn't have to be boring. There are actually lots of things to do here that don't cost a penny, especially if you have a little courage and a great imagination.

If getting fit is one of your goals for the new year,

IN Mike's opinion

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but you're turned off by the pressure and smell of big gyms, did you know that Calgary's YMCAs offer free all-day access for everyone on the third Sunday of every month? I'm no medical expert, but working out one day a month is better than not working out at all, right?

When it comes to saving money, board-game nights are always a fun way of hanging out with your friends, and they are usually pretty cost-effective, especially if you go the boxed-wine route.

But having people over means your apartment has to be clean, which doesn't sound very fun to me. So why not take game night on the road? Devonian Gardens and Eau Claire market are two fantas-

tic venues that are free and already have tables set up. I'm not sure if you're technically allowed to convene a group of friends to play games in public spaces, but it can't hurt to try.

If the past couple of weeks have left you with a shopping addiction, don't worry, it can still be done without arousing creditors' suspicions. Have you ever gone shopping on Kijiji or Craigslist? Both websites feature a section where Calgarians are just offering up free stuff that they want to get rid of. This week, I saw everything from chairs to an electric organ. Someone was giving away a budgie, while someone else was offering up dozens of 1,000-litre containers. Who needs to pay Ticketmaster fees when you can put on the greatest show on earth, using only free stuff you find online?

Much like my credit score, the next few months in Calgary will be cold and dark, but for now, the opportunity to have fun seems limitless, especially if you can get your friend to buy the boxed wine.

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Grassland. Driver error behind fatal Highway 63 crash, say police

RCMP say it appears a collision that killed one person and injured five others was caused when the driver of an SUV swerved into the path of a passenger bus on Alberta's oilsands highway.

Const. Dan Fenton told CTV Edmonton that quick thinking and smart driving by the bus driver helped prevent more deaths or serious injuries.

"It could have very well been a lot worse had the bus tipped, had the bus rolled, had the driver of the bus not reacted properly when that condition posed itself to him," Fenton said Thursday.

The crash happened Wednesday night on Highway 63 near the small community of Grassland, about 150 kilometres northeast of Edmonton. RCMP say both vehicles hit the ditch when the southbound sport-utility vehicle collided with a northbound bus belonging to Red Arrow Motorcoach.

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A shooting in southern Switzerland has left three women dead, two men wounded and highlighted the ease of access to firearms in the gun-loving nation.

The suspect, a 33-year-old unemployed man living on disability, opened fire from his apartment and pursued people in the street Wednesday night in the village of Daillon, authorities in the Swiss canton (state) of Valais said Thursday.

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Utah

Elvis Presley too hot for 2013

A parent upset about Elvis Presley songs in a high-school drama prompted educators to cancel the musical, deeming it too sexual. But the decision was reversed Thursday.

Herriman High School received permission from the copyright owners of All Shook Up to edit the songs and make scene changes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York

Paper needs guns after outing users

A New York state newspaper that created a public outcry when it published the names and addresses of residents with handgun permits is being protected by armed guards.

Journal News last month published online maps with the names and addresses of pistol permit holders in two counties it covers. It sought the public records after the school shooting in nearby Newtown, Conn.

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California

Teens cuffed for drugging parents

Two California teenagers were arrested after they gave one of the girl's parents milkshakes spiked with prescription sleeping pills so she could use the Internet past her curfew, police said.

The 15-year-old daughter and a 16-year-old friend were taken to Juvenile Hall.

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Students attend their first day at Sandy Hook clone

Newtown shooting.

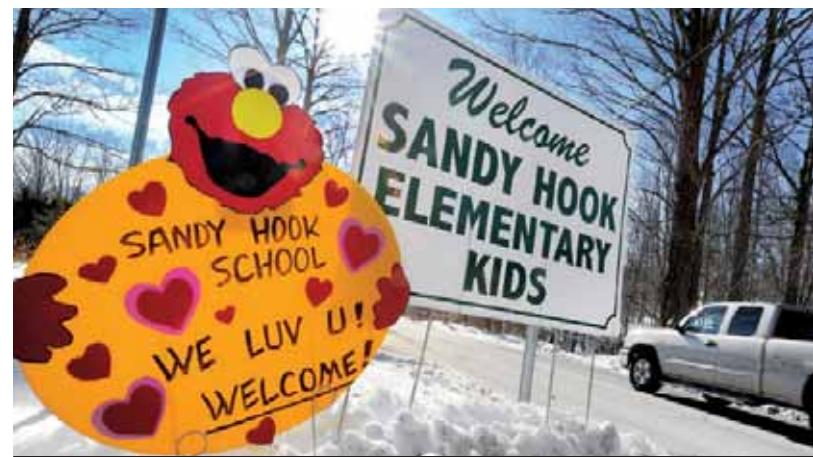
School in neighbouring town made to look as close as possible to old school — plus security

Classes resumed Thursday for the students of the Newtown, Conn., school where a gunman last month killed 20 children and six adults in the second-largest school shooting in U.S. history.

With their school still being treated as a crime scene, the more than 400 students of Sandy Hook Elementary School attended classes in neighbouring Monroe.

Returning students, teachers and administrators were met by a large police presence outside their new school, an overhauled middle school that had been shuttered for nearly two years. Several officers guarded the entrance and checked IDs of parents dropping off children.

Law-enforcement officers guarding the new school called it "the safest school in



Signs welcome more than 400 students to the former Chalk School in Monroe, Conn. JESSICA HILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

America."

Students found the same chairs and desks, when possible. Their classroom walls were painted the same colours and hung with the same pictures. Other details, such as the location of bookshelves and cubby holes, were replicated as much as possible.

The school district said

parents who wanted to be close to their children were welcome to visit and stay in classrooms or an auditorium.

Newtown superintendent Janet Robinson said officials would do their best to make the students feel at ease.

"We will be doing a normal day," she said.

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Niggling doubt

"It's very hard to turn off the little 'What if?.... Dec. 14 started out as a normal day, too."

Sarah Caron, 32, parent of two kids scared by the shooting, upon seeing them go back to school

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Iceland sued by a girl with no name

Personal Names

Register. List has 1,853 female names that fit Icelandic rules; Blaer is not one of them

A 15-year-old girl is suing the Icelandic state for the right to legally use the name given to her by her mother. The problem? Blaer, which means "light breeze" in Icelandic, is

not on a list approved by the government.

Like a handful of other countries, including Germany and Denmark, Iceland has official rules about what a baby can be named. Parents can take from the list or apply to a special committee that has the power to say yes or no.

In Blaer's case, her mother said she learned the name wasn't on the register only after the priest who baptized the child later informed her

What's in a name?

"Blaer is a perfectly Icelandic name.... And my daughter loves her name."

Bjork Eidsdottir, mother. She says she knew a Blaer whose name was accepted in 1973.

he had mistakenly allowed it. The panel turned down the name on the grounds that the word Blaer takes a masculine

article, despite the fact that it was used for a female character in a novel by Iceland's revered Nobel Prize-winning author Halldor Laxness.

Blaer is identified as "Stulka" — or "girl" — on all her official documents, which has led to years of frustration as she has had to explain the whole story at the bank, renewing her passport and dealing with the country's bureaucracy.

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Bla Bjarkardottir, 15, left, and her mother, Bjork Eidsdottir, pose outside a court building in Reykjavik. ANNA ANDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Bottle thrower on trial

Ashley Gill-Webb, 34, leaves Stratford Magistrates Court in London Thursday. He is on trial for allegedly hurling abuse at Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt and throwing a plastic beer bottle at the starting line at the London Olympics five months ago. Prosecutors say Gill-Webb got into an exclusive trackside area for the men's 100-metre final without an eligible ticket. Bolt went on to win the gold medal in 9.63 seconds.

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One way to beat tax man. Putin grants citizenship to French actor Depardieu

The Kremlin has cast French actor Gerard Depardieu in one of the most surprising roles of his life — as a new Russian citizen.

The announcement Thursday that President Vladimir Putin has approved Depardieu's application for citizenship is almost a real-life analogue to the French actor's 1990 comedy *Green Card*, in which his character enters into a sham marriage in order to work in the United States.

But in this version taxes appear to be at the heart of the matter. Depardieu has waged a battle against a proposed super-tax on millionaires in his native country.

French President Francois Hollande plans to raise the tax on earned income above €1 million (\$1.3 million) to 75 per cent from the current 41 per cent, while Russia has a flat 13 per cent tax rate.

A representative for the former Oscar nominee declined to say whether he had accepted the Russian offer.

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Rape and murder charges laid against accused in gang rape

Global outrage.

Protesters gather in New Delhi and around the world to push for stricter laws against sexual assaults in India

Five men accused of raping a university student for hours on a bus as it drove through India's capital were charged Thursday with murder, rape and other crimes that could bring them the death penalty.

The attack on the 23-year-old woman, who died of severe internal injuries over the weekend, provoked a fierce debate across India about the routine mistreatment of females and triggered daily protests demanding action.

There have been signs of change since the attack. Rapes, often ignored, have become front-page news, politicians have called for tougher laws, including the death penalty



Savita Verma, a mother from Brampton, wipes a tear as she joins a protest outside the Indian Consulate in Toronto on Thursday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and chemical castration for rapists, and the government is examining wide-scale reforms in the criminal justice system's handling of sexual assaults. Activists say the tragedy could mark a turning point for

women's rights.

In a nation where court cases often linger for years, the government set up a special fast-track court Wednesday to deal with crimes against women, and that is where the

charges against the five men were filed Thursday evening. The government said it planned to open four more of those courts in the city.

Prosecutor Rajiv Mohan filed a case of rape, tampering

with evidence, kidnapping, murder and other charges against the men. The charge sheet was not released and he asked for a closed trial. A hearing was set for Saturday.

The men charged were Ram

Backwards justice

Many cases in India never get to court because of intense social pressure against families reporting sexual assaults, which are often blamed on the victims.

- When women do report rapes, police often refuse to file charges and pressure the victims to reach a compromise with their attackers.

- The 23-year-old was attacked Dec. 16 after boarding a bus with a male companion after watching an evening showing of the movie Life of Pi at a mall.

Singh, the bus driver; his brother Mukesh Singh, who cleans buses for the same company; Pavan Gupta, a fruit vendor; Akshay Singh, a bus washer; and Vinay Sharma, a fitness trainer. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Hunger strike. Chief Spence wants action from Ottawa within 72 hours

Efforts to broker a solution to end a 24-day-old hunger strike by Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence have founded.

First Nations leaders had initially proposed a Jan. 24 meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. David Johnston and took their proposal to Spence's teepee on Thursday afternoon.

But Spence told the aboriginal leaders Thursday that her failing health means she can't wait that long for assurances that her concerns about treaty rights will be addressed.

"She remains committed, she remains strong and she

remains steadfast in what she is setting out to do," said Stan Louttit, grand chief of the Mushkegowuk Council, which includes the Attawapiskat First Nation in Ontario.

Spence has been subsisting mainly on fish broth since Dec. 11, huddling in a tent on Victoria Island on the Ottawa River, just beyond Parliament Hill.

Spence has no problem with First Nations leaders meeting with Harper in a few weeks time, Louttit said, but she wants to be included in a preliminary meeting well before then.

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Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, right, is in her fourth week of a hunger strike calling on Prime Minister Stephen Harper to meet and discuss First Nations issues. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Unwanted pregnancy

Man who poked holes in condoms loses sexual assault appeal

A Nova Scotia man convicted of sexual assault for trying to trick his girlfriend into becoming pregnant by poking holes in her condoms has lost his appeal.

Craig Jaret Hutchinson of Shelburne County was given an 18-month sentence in late 2011 after his judge-only trial heard that he pricked his girlfriend's condoms with a pin in 2006 so she would get pregnant and not break up with him.

The Halifax-area woman became pregnant and had an abortion, but she later suffered an infection of her uterus.

Hutchinson later filed an appeal, arguing that the Nova Scotia Supreme Court's sentence was excessive and that the woman voluntarily consented to having sex with him.

But in a 4-1 majority decision, the court said the sentence was not unfit and the trial judge was correct to conclude that the woman did not consent to having unprotected sex.

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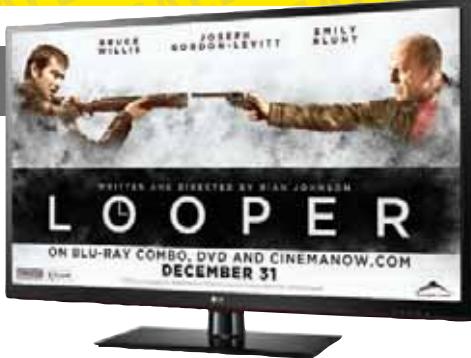


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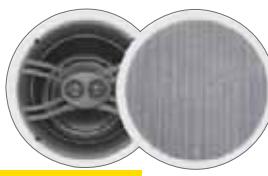
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Mother Nature racks up \$65B in insurance payouts for 2012

Disaster toll. Weather events led by Superstorm Sandy cost the industry dearly, but total is down from record set during earthquake-ridden 2011

Natural disasters cost insurers \$65 billion US last year, with the United States accounting for nine-tenths of the bill and Superstorm Sandy prompting payouts of \$25 billion, a leading insurance company said Thursday.

However, Munich Re AG said that the total insured losses worldwide were down from a record \$119 billion in 2011, when devastating earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand cost the industry dear.

The company said total economic costs in 2012 from natural disasters worldwide — including uninsured losses — amounted to \$160 billion, compared with the previous year's \$400 billion.

Sandy, which battered eastern coastline areas at the end of October, killed at least 125 people in the United States and 71 people in the Caribbean.



A man walks past a small commercial strip that burned down during Superstorm Sandy in the Rockaways section of New York City on Wednesday. The storm cost insurers \$25 billion US in payouts. SETH WENIG/THESAOCIATEDPRESS

New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were the hardest-hit U.S. states.

Munich Re estimated insured losses from Sandy at \$25 billion and total losses at \$50 billion, though it cautioned

that the figures are "still subject to considerable uncertainty." That made it the year's most costly disaster — but several other events in the U.S. meant that the country accounted for 90 per cent of insured costs and

67 per cent of overall losses, the company said.

The lengthy drought that seared swaths of the United States last summer produced 2012's second-biggest insurance bill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ben Kiniry of Texas gets cash from an ATM machine along the main road leading to the Vatican on Thursday. For now, Vatican tourists can only use cash to pay for tickets and souvenirs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ho Chi Minh City. Starbucks to open first café in Vietnam

Starbucks Corp. says it will open its first Vietnam café early next month in Ho Chi Minh City as part of its strategy to expand across Asia.

The Seattle-based chain will be entering a country of coffee lovers that already has an established market. At least two popular homegrown chains have dozens of loca-



tions across the country. Vietnam is the world's second-largest coffee producer behind Brazil and already provides high-quality beans for Starbucks stores in other countries.

Starbucks said on Thursday that it operates more than 3,300 stores across 11 countries in China and the Asia-Pacific region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vatican stops taking plastic

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"A lot of tourists don't have cash on them, so they have to get euros and don't know where to get them." Fluger William Hunter, an American tourist in Vatican City

European Union safeguards against money laundering. That means Italian banks are not authorized to operate within the Vatican, which is in the process of improving its mechanisms to combat laundering.

The Vatican says it is scram-

bling to solve the problem for thousands of visitors who flock to its very popular Vatican Museums, which include highlights like the Sistine Chapel. The Holy See had no immediate comment on the Bank of Italy's reported reasons.

Tourists in the long lines Thursday that snaked around Vatican City walls were not happy about the inconvenience.

"It's certainly a disadvantage," said Giuseppe Amoruso, an Italian. "Credit cards provide a useful service, which needs to be accessible to everybody, everywhere."

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Washington, D.C. Google chief's North Korean visit 'unhelpful,' according to U.S. government

The U.S. government is voicing opposition to a planned North Korea visit by Google's executive chairman. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said Thursday the timing of the visit by Eric Schmidt and former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is "unhelpful."

People familiar with the plans tell The Associated Press the trip will happen as early as this month.

Last month, North Korea shot a satellite into space on

the back of a three-stage rocket in defiance of a UN ban. Washington and others decried it as a covert test of ballistic-missile technology and are seeking UN Security Council action against Pyongyang.

Nuland said Schmidt and Richardson were "well aware" of the U.S. government's views. She said they would be traveling as private citizens and carrying no messages from Washington.

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Overseas accounts

Swiss bank to pay \$57.8M in U.S. tax-evasion case

Switzerland's oldest bank became the first foreign bank to plead guilty in the United States to tax charges when it admitted Thursday that it helped American clients hide more than \$1.2 billion US from the Internal Revenue Service. Wegelin & Co. had been accused of helping at least 100 U.S. clients conceal large sums of money in overseas accounts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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I spent my holiday honing my psychic skills. Here are my predictions for the year ahead:

1 Deja vu. This year's top reality show will feature a mother managing the careers of her daughters who, with no discernible talents, eclipse professional entertainers for roles and public attention as they date, marry and divorce rich celebrities. Hey, wait a minute ...

2 And yet ... Kim Kardashian will resist the temptation to repeat previous mistakes and enter hastily into marriage with Kanye West. She will publicly reveal her enlightenment regarding the seriousness of such commitment right before she announces that video cameras will be installed in her uterus to broadcast her pregnancy from within.

3 Do not pass go. Lindsay Lohan will go to prison. Not so much a "prediction," but I'm probably not wrong.

4 Weed warnings. Legalized marijuana will become a growth market and be sold, pre-rolled, in packages like cigarettes. Cautionary labels will read, "Song lyrics may seem more profound than they truly are." "Please refrain from making career-altering decisions while under the influence of this product" and "Dude, don't forget the Cheetos."

5 Here she comes. Honey Boo Boo Child, in a "go-go juice"-induced rage, will pummel a pageant adversary, and emerge as trailer-park queen-for-a-day. Endorsement deals will allow her to set aside funds for the therapy and new set of teeth she will eventually require.

6 Jersey jacking. Former Jersey Shore cast members will be kidnapped by terrorists and held hostage. A series of prolonged negotiations will be televised and the perpetrators will end up winning an MTV award.

7 50 Shades of Stress. Once the concept of BDSM is acclimatized into public consciousness by the novels of E. L. James, studies will show accelerated hair loss in fathers with daughters.

8 Stellar sequels. Disney will attempt to shake up the decaying Star Wars franchise by producing new chapters with elements that have proven successful for them in the past. In the new version, Luke Skywalker will be played by a mouse with a high-pitched voice, Darth Vader will be a large bulldog and R2D2 will be played by a member of the George W. Bush administration.

9 RM rocks. The much-anticipated BlackBerry 10 will launch to critical acclaim, causing millions of consumers to say, "Gee, too bad I already bought the iPhone."

10 Playdate. Hugh Hefner, 86, and blushing new bride, 26-year-old Crystal Harris, will celebrate their honeymoon by going on a senior's cruise with her grandparents.

11 Shut the puck up. Desperate for action after prolonged negotiations, NHL fans will receive gratification when commissioner Gary

Bettman is unsuspectingly body-checked by a large hockey mom.

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A little bit of Mars on Earth



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Mars-velous meteorite

Black Beauty rocks science world

Scientists are abuzz about this rock from Mars that landed in the Sahara

desert: A yearlong analysis revealed it's quite different from other Martian meteorites.

Not only is it older than most, it also contains more water. The baseball-size

meteorite, estimated to be two billion years old, is strikingly similar to the volcanic rocks examined by the NASA rovers Spirit and Opportunity on the Martian surface. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Triangular treasure

"Here we have a piece of Mars that I can hold in my hands. That's really exciting."

Carl Agee, director of the Institute of Meteoritics and curator at the University of New Mexico, who led the study published online Thursday in the journal *Science*

Found in the desert

Rock dated 2nd-oldest Mars find

The latest meteorite, known as NWA 7034 and nicknamed "Black Beauty," was donated to the University of New Mexico by an American who bought it from a Moroccan meteorite dealer last year.

Researchers performed a battery of tests on the meteorite and based on its chemical signature confirmed that it was blasted to Earth from Mars. At 2.1 billion years old, it's the second-oldest known Martian meteorite.

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Rare and ancient

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About 65 Martian rocks have been recovered on Earth, mostly in Antarctica or the Sahara.

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The oldest dates back 4.5 billion years to a time when Mars was warmer and wetter.

1.3B

About half a dozen Martian meteorites are 1.3 billion years old, and the rest are 600 million years or younger.

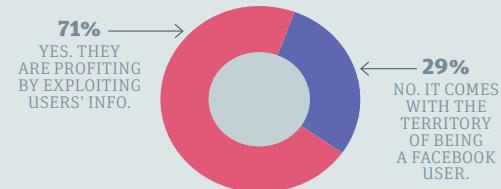


Sweet grass: Fast Eddie Aki'a of Hawaii smokes a joint as thousands gathered to collectively light up at 4:20 p.m. on April 20, 2012, in Denver. **GETTY IMAGES FILE**



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@Jackiedumaine:

19 more sleeps until Oprah. Not that I'm counting orangy-thing. @oprah #yyyc #calgary

@Jill_Beaton:

Just saw a tweet about the current "blizzard" in Toronto. Sorry, but this is a "light snow" at best. #yyyc knows.

@KaylaStadnick:

That moment when your suitcase is so heavy, you get asked if you

packed a politician's ego and/or promises. #airportfunny #yyyc

@chrisgarycan:

97.9 cents per litre of gas. Chinook and +6. Calgary definitely wins January 3, 2013. #yyyc

@jfaster:

Spending a week drunk and cold in Saskatchewan is really helping me appreciate being warm and sober in Calgary today. #YYC



Matt Damon co-wrote and stars in *Promised Land* — a film with a heavy message but no one around to do the heavy lifting. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Sporadic dramatics.
The Reel Guys disagree if this flick walks a good balance of ideals or hits you over the head with its morals

Richard: Mark, *Promised Land* is one of those message movies you know is going to end with a big speech, so you just hope it's an entertaining ride until the final oration. In this case, I think the movie let its sense of earnestness overpower the entertainment.

It has good, likeable actors in a story that might have been better served in documentary form, rather than the contrived drama presented here.

Mark: Richard, the last thing I would want to watch is a documentary on the effects of gas drilling on farmland communities. The drama may be contrived, but at least it's drama. I liked watching Matt

Damon as he slowly realizes his moral complicity in an unsavoury venture. And Frances McDormand was great as his cynical, wisecracking sidekick. Yes, there's a big speech at the end, but you know the rule: when they show a town hall in act one, they're sure going to use it in act three.

RC: I know. And it is just that kind of formulaic filmmaking that kept the joy away for me. Maybe they fell into formula to make people feel comfortable with the amount of info they're being fed. It's hard to make talk of water table pollution dramatic, and while *Promised Land* makes an attempt by giving much of the heavy lifting to Hal Holbrook, the grand old man of the cast, it's still only as dramatic as a high school science class lecture.

MB: It's a bit more involving than that! The town has to choose between the hard-bitten realism of Damon's character, and the idealism of John Krasinski's interloper. I

enjoyed watching the townspeople squirm as they made their choices. It's classic good versus evil, except that it's not. Did you guess the plot twist near the end? It took me by surprise.

RC: I didn't see the plot twist coming ... because it is totally unbelievable! That aside, the movie gets many of the details right — it's set in a town where the general store is called Rob's Guns, Groceries, Guitars and Gas — and its heart is certainly in the right place, but unlike movies like *Erin Brockovich*, which managed to mix message and medium, *Promised Land* feels crushed under the weight of its own heavy hand.

MB: Really, Richard, I thought the message was underplayed, especially compared to films like *North Country* and *Silkwood*. It's not a great film, even by the standards of bringing an important issue to light, but the performances and texture made it watchable for me.

Synopsis

Matt Damon (who also co-wrote the script with co-star John Krasinski) stars as Steve Butler, a charming salesman sent to a small Pennsylvania farming community to lease land for a giant natural gas company's fracking project. For him, it's a personal crusade; he believes he's transforming the lives of the cash-strapped farmers. For his partner Sue Thomason (Frances McDormand) it's a job that simply keeps her away from her young son. Complicating matters is Dustin Noble (Krasinski), an environmental activist who, as his last name might imply, comes to town to raise the alarm about the real cost of Steve and Sue's business offer.

Star ratings:

- Richard:
- Mark:

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An advertisement for Immigrant Access Fund (IAF) Loans for Immigrants. It features a woman in a white lab coat and blue scrubs holding a mop. The text reads: "Right Training, Wrong Job? IAF LOANS FOR IMMIGRANTS help pay for courses and exams so you can do the work in Canada you once did abroad." The website is www.iafcanada.org/loans and the phone number is 1-855-423-2262. There is a QR code and the IAF logo.

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Jessica Chastain's mission impossible

Zero Dark Thirty.

There were lots of whispers about Kathryn Bigelow's film on the bin Laden hunt — and its star struggled with keeping secrets...

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Don't let her impressive work in *Zero Dark Thirty* fool you. Golden Globe-nominated actress Jessica Chastain would make a horrible CIA agent.

It's something she learned not while filming the real-life drama about the hunt for Osama bin Laden, but instead when the film became one of the most scrutinized projects in recent history — even before a frame had been shot. It got so bad that all cast members would tell the press was that director Kathryn Bigelow had made them sign confidentiality agreements ensuring their silence.

"I am the worst at keeping



Zero Dark Thirty opens next Friday. HANDOUT

secrets. I'm the kind of person who, the second that I buy someone a Christmas present, I tell them what I bought them. I don't wait till Christmas. I'm not good at it," Chastain explains.

Luckily, there were those confidentiality agreements. "When I was cast in this, I was so excited about this character of Maya. I found her to be really inspiring and the script was incredible, it was so eye-

opening. But I had to keep it a secret," she says. "There was a lot of press coming out and people were speculating that I was (playing) a Navy SEAL wife and all this stuff, and I had to just really hold my tongue for a year. So I'm very excited that people are now seeing the film and they're realizing it's not a propaganda film and it doesn't have an agenda. It just tries to show this moment in history as accurately as possible."

Role research

Playing a mystery woman

One of Chastain's obstacles in tackling the role of Maya was that, while she's based on a real person, there was no way the actress could actually meet her. So she took a different approach to her research. "I had three months before we started shooting that I went to school for it, I guess. I nicknamed (screenwriter) Mark (Boal) 'the Professor.' And I would sit with him and go through the screenplay and ask a lot of questions about the character I was playing, about the CIA," she says. "Because I was never able to meet the real woman it's based on because she's an undercover agent, I had to use my imagination to fill in the blanks where the research couldn't answer the questions."

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Gosling turns his rash rage on the bad guys



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Gangster Squad.

Actor's itchy wool costume gave him the hate he needed to get tough on a gaggle of criminals



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Ryan Gosling's character in Gangster Squad is a smooth-talking charmer who's quick with a joke.

So, not really much of a stretch for the actor. In fact, it's tough to get anything like a straight answer out of him. For instance, when asked what was challenging about taking on 1940s L.A. cop Jerry Wooters, Gosling offers, "It was challenging for me when I realized that I was not going to get a Tommy gun. I thought for sure I would have one. Instead, I got a little, tiny lady gun. (Co-star) Josh (Brolin) kind of hogged the Tommy gun. So, that was dif-

ficult for me."

And what about the high-pitched voice he used for Wooters? Did that come from his research into the man himself? Not exactly.

"That was more of a wardrobe issue," Gosling offers. And speaking of his wardrobe: "The wool was quite itchy, so I had a rash," he says. "I channelled that irritation into my hatred for the gangsters."

It might not be surprising to learn, then, that one of Gosling's main sources of inspiration for his performance was one of the era's

most entertaining characters. "I always kind of admired how Bugs Bunny was not above dressing like a lady in order to get out of trouble," he says.

"I thought that that could be interesting in this in some way, this person trying to make themselves inconspicuous. That was in my head. But I also was trying to relate that as well to the idea that this is a real person. I think it's important to note that the man himself was a much braver, more admirable character than the version of him that I play in the film."

Gosling the debt collector

Gangster Squad marks the second time Ryan Gosling has gotten to show off his on-screen chemistry with Emma Stone — they first romanced each other in 2011's *Crazy Stupid Love*. But to hear Gosling tell it, there was a much more practical reason than chemistry to re-team with Stone. "Well, Emma owes me

money. The only way I can try and get that back is by doing movies with her. She still owes me that money," he says with a grin, making Stone blush. She asks how much more she owes him, to which he responds, "I'm glad we're finally talking about that. It's a shame we had to come here and do this."

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Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Celebs call for tougher paparazzi rules in wake of photographer's death

The 29-year-old photographer had just snapped shots of Justin Bieber's white Ferrari when he was struck and killed by a passing car — a death that has spurred renewed debate over dangers paparazzi can bring on themselves and the celebrities they chase.

The accident prompted some stars, including the teen heartthrob himself, to renew calls for tougher laws to rein in their pursuers, though previous urgings have been stymied by First Amendment protections.

The Los Angeles County coroner's office confirmed Thursday that the photographer was Christopher James Guerra.

In a statement, Bieber said his prayers were with the photographer's family. Ironically, the singer wasn't even in the Ferrari on Tuesday.

"Hopefully this tragedy will finally inspire meaningful legislation and whatever other necessary steps to protect the lives and safety of celebrities, police officers,

Quoted



"Paparazzi are dangerous! Wasn't Princess Di enough of a wake-up call?!"

Miley Cyrus, via Twitter

innocent public bystanders and the photographers themselves," Bieber said in a statement released by Island Def Jam Music Group.

Much of Hollywood was abuzz about the death, including Miley Cyrus, who sent several tweets critical of some of the actions of paparazzi and lamenting that the unfortunate accident was "bound to happen."

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METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Worst celebrity tattoos



THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson

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In honour of the news that Lil' Wayne got "Baked" tattooed above his right eye (aren't you glad he doesn't have a real job? Can you imagine him sitting in front of HR?), The Word is compiling some of the worst celebrity tattoos.



Scarlett Johansson got this wrist tattoo last year that has "I Love NY" written inside the "charm." At this point in her career, can't she get a bracelet that's removable?



Kelly Osbourne has skull and crossbones, complete with pink bows, on her feet. Next time she critiques someone else's choices on Fashion Police, remember this.



Hayden Panettiere's side tattoo "Vivere senza rimpianti" should read "to live without regrets" in Italian. Sadly, the Italian word for "regrets" is "rimpianti" meaning her tat is misspelled. So, yeah, about that whole "living without regrets" thing...



Lindsay Lohan's "shhhh" finger tattoo isn't really working for her, is it?



Ke\$ha

Ke\$ha opens up about dating men ... and women

Ke\$ha tells the latest issue of Seventeen that she doesn't look at the sex of a person she wants to date, she looks at the whole person. "I don't love just men. I love people. It's not about a gender. It's just about the spirit that exudes from that other person you're with,"



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Seared Bison with Sage and Gnocchi.

Red meat alternative is gaining popularity

Now is the perfect time to venture down the culinary path with bison, an alternative red meat that is showing up at more and more grocers.

So let's start with the name. The critter you know as the American buffalo really isn't one at all. Turns out the American buffalo (technically a bison) is more closely related to your run-of-the-mill cow.

Bison meat (which is raised without hormones or antibiotics) can be incredibly tender and flavourful, with a sweet, rich beefy flavour.

It also happens to be amazingly lean, packing fewer calories and less fat than beef and even skinless chicken.

That low-fat profile comes with a price, however. Like any lean meat, bison has a tendency to cook quickly, so quickly that it's easy to overcook it. And that is why bison has a reputation for being tough. It isn't. If you have bison that is tough, that just means it was overcooked.

You can use bison much as you would beef. The trick is to modify the cooking method (rather than the flavours or other ingredients) to account for the leanness. Here, it's used with Italian potato gnocchi.

Ingredients

- 1 lb package gnocchi pasta
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- 1 1/2 lbs bison steak, thinly sliced across the grain
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh sage
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and ground black pepper



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the gnocchi and cook according to package directions. Reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water, then drain the gnocchi and set aside.
2. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil.

Add the garlic and red pepper flakes, then sauté the garlic for 30 seconds.

3. Add the steak and sear on each side for about 1 minute. Don't crowd the pan or the steak will steam rather than sear. If needed, work in batches.

4. Once the steak is seared, add the sage and cooked gnocchi. Cook for 30 seconds, then add the Parmesan. Drizzle in just enough of the reserved cooking water to form a sauce with the melted cheese. Toss, then season with salt and pepper.

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Liquid Assets

2013 booze resolutions



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Well here we are, 2013. Over the holidays, I had more than a few glasses of wine in hopes of finding some inspiration for an appropriate life changing 2013. Unfortunately, all I could come up with were some boozy alternative resolutions to losing weight and managing money better for you, dear readers.

Drink local: There are independent wineries, distilleries and breweries filling bottles with unique liquids in your province. Find, buy and drink.

Get social: Share what you're drinking with your old high school mates and ex-significant others on Twitter or Facebook. Words not your thing? Post a picture. It will last longer.

Channel your inner food fetish: Pick a recipe, any recipe, find a beverage that works with it (just email me, I'll tell ya) and put both in your mouth.

Return to the white side: Reds have been the darling of vinophiles for long enough. In 2013, rediscover the subtle sophistication of something white. Try starting with Fazi Battaglia's 2011 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico (\$10.99 to \$14.99) – an aromatic, green-fruited Italian with a refreshingly acidic zing. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



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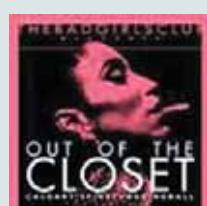
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Out of the Closet: Calgary's First Voguing Ball

Brought to you by The Bad Girls Club YYC, Calgary's First Voguing Ball is being held at UBU Lounge (608 1 St. SW) this Friday. Not sure what a voguing ball or what ball culture is? It's an underground LGBT subculture, people "walk" or "compete" for trophies and prizes. Strike a pose as you catch competitors popping, spinning, dipping and catwalking their way to the voguing finale. thebadgirlsclubbyc.blogspot.ca



10-Minute Play Festival

Want to see what Calgary's Arts Community can come up with when given a prop, a line of dialogue and 24 hours to create an original 10-minute play? Watch teams, including participants from Downstage, Ellipsis Tree Collective, Ghost River Theatre, The Shakespeare Company, Swallow-a-Bicycle Theatre and Urban Curvz Theatre, perform at the Martha Cohen Theatre (8 Avenue SE) Friday evening. As part of the High Performance Rodeo, it's guaranteed to be an entertaining evening. hprodeo.ca



High Performance Rodeo

Calgary's International Festival of the Arts, the largest festival of its kind in Western Canada, takes over the city yet again for a month of fascinating theatre, music, comedy, visual art and more. Taking place at various locations throughout the city from Jan. 3 to Feb. 3, this is your opportunity to enjoy award-winning performances by local, national and international performers. hprodeo.ca



Pivot's second birthday

There's no two ways about it. Pivot is celebrating its second birthday, and it's time to toast Pivot's successful second year. All are invited to attend, so whether you are a member or not, head down to the Glenbow Museum (130 - 9th Ave. SE) and join in the celebration. Meet new people, enjoy a birthday toast and find out what Pivot is all about. Wednesday. RSVP to pivot@glenbow.org. For more info, visit pivot.glenbow.org.



The Motorcycle Show

If you are in the market for a new motorcycle, ATV or scooter, or if you're simply a fan, then this show is for you. Widely considered the industry's premier event (it's taking place at the BMO Centre) this year's show will include the new lineup of 2013, action attractions and hundreds of exhibitors featuring apparel, aftermarket accessories, gear, touring destinations and a whole lot more. It's sure to get your engine revved up. Friday to Sunday. calgarymotorcycleshow.ca



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An inglorious end to Canada's gold hopes

World juniors. Talent-laden Canadians' title drought extended to four years in Russia

An NHL lockout has helped lift Canada to gold at past world junior hockey championships.

But not this time.

Canada dominated en route to gold in 1995 and 2005 when the NHL also locked out its players.

Another labour stoppage this year meant coach Steve Spott had most of the country's top 19-year-old talent available to him.

But bronze is the best this Canadian team can do after a 5-1 loss to the United States in Thursday's semifinal.

The Americans and defending champion Sweden will play for gold, while Canada takes on the hosts for bronze Saturday in Ufa, Russia. The Swedes edged Russia 3-2 in a shootout in the other semifinal.

Canada must find solace in extending its run of medals in this tournament to 15 consecutive years.

"We've got to come home with a medal," captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins said. "It's not the one we want to come home with, but we've got to do it for our country."

Canada beat the U.S. and Russia en route to finishing first in Pool B at 4-0 to earn a bye to the semifinal. But for the second straight year, Canada failed to parlay the bye into a berth in the gold-medal game.

"For it to happen again, it's pretty heartbreaking," said second-year forward Mark Scheifele.

The International Ice Hockey Federation is doing away with the bye starting in 2014, so the tournament will feature



Canadian captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, right, hangs his head with teammates after being defeated 5-1 by Team USA on Thursday in Ufa, Russia. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

What to watch for on Saturday

A glance at Saturday's bronze-medal game between Canada and Russia (2 a.m., TSN):

- **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** — Held off the scoresheet in the semifinal loss, Canada's captain needs to create scoring chances on top line.
- **Jonathan Drouin** — A chance for 17-year-old

four quarter-finals instead of two.

So while the Americans flexed their scoring muscles in a 7-0 win over the Czech Republic in Wednesday's quarter-final, the Canadians vowed after practice the same day they couldn't have a slow start Thursday.

But they went out and did

forward to further raise his stock for the NHL draft.

- **Nikita Kucherov** — Forward for the QMJHL's Rouyn-Noranda Huskies leads Russians in scoring.
- **Nail Yakupov** — Has been guilty of trying to do too much on his own. Time to start distributing the puck.

just that. The firepower that Canada purportedly had up front did not fire.

Scheifele, Jonathan Huberdeau and Ryan Strome would probably have joined Nugent-Hopkins in the NHL this season if not for the lockout. All four were held off the scoresheet.

When Spott chose his 23 players at selection camp in

By the numbers

3

Playing a quarter-final doesn't seem to be an impediment to world-junior gold. Three of the last five champions played a quarter-final.

Calgary last month, he said he did so with speed in mind. It was the Americans who made Canada look like they were standing still for two periods. Thru.

Led by Calgary Flames prospect John Gaudreau and captain Jake McCabe, the U.S. beat Canada to the puck at both ends of the ice for 40 minutes to build a 4-0 lead.

Unlike last year's 6-5 semi-final loss to Russia in Calgary, where Canada scored four third-period goals, this Canadian team didn't rally to make it close. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lockout

NHLPA wastes little time in restarting 'disclaimer' process

Less than a day after letting a self-imposed deadline pass to declare a "disclaimer of interest," NHL players began voting to restore their executive board's authority to dissolve the union.

The NHLPA's membership began voting on the disclaimer on Thursday, according to a source. It will be conducted over a 48-hour period.

The first vote, held last month, passed overwhelmingly. Should the same thing happen again and the NHLPA elects to notify the league it is disclaiming, it would open the door for players to file anti-trust lawsuits.

The new disclaimer vote was part of a day that saw much more action away from the bargaining room than in it. The NHLPA also filed its statement of defence with the district court in New York, arguing that the lawsuit filed by the NHL last month should be dismissed because it was brought forward for "strategic reasons."

Against that backdrop, the sides only met for about an hour on Thursday afternoon — a departure from more frequent negotiations recently. NHLPA special counsel Steve Fehr led a group of players and staff into the session with U.S. federal mediator Scot Beckenbaugh. THE CANADIAN PRESS



NHLPA special counsel Steve Fehr GETTY IMAGES FILE

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J.R. Smith of the New York Knicks throws down an acrobatic dunk against the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday in New York. The Knicks defeated the Spurs 100-83. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Knicks put an end to Spurs' winning streak

NBA. New York rebounds from back-to-back losses, while San Antonio loses for the first time in 8 games

Carmelo Anthony scored 23 points, J.R. Smith kept up his surge with 20 and the New York Knicks snapped the San Antonio Spurs' seven-game winning streak with a 100-83 victory Thursday night.

Steve Novak added 15 points and Tyson Chandler had 10 points and 14 rebounds to help the Knicks bounce back from consecutive losses.

Thursday's game

100 **83**

tive losses by dominating the final period against the Spurs, who may have run out of gas in their second game in two nights.

ights.

Tim Duncan and Tony Parker each had just 11 points for the Spurs, who lost Stephen Jackson to an unusual injury, then lost what had been the

NBA's longest winning streak. Jackson played just three minutes off the bench before spraining his right ankle when he took a shot then fell back into a waitress working the sideline in front of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Smith, who had scored 25 points in his last four games as a reserve, highlighted his outing with an acrobatic dunk in the fourth quarter that brought fans to their feet. The pass came from reserve point guard Pablo Prigioni, who had one of his most complete games since coming to the NBA at age 35, finishing with six points and nine assists.

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NBA. Losing formula not cooling Heat

Most wins in the Eastern Conference, fewest rebounds in the NBA

It might not sound like a winning formula, but it's working for Miami.

The Heat (22-8) are on pace for the second-worst rebounding season in franchise history, better than only the 2007-08 campaign where Miami won just 15 games in what was Pat Riley's final season on the sideline as coach. And even though it was Riley who once said "no rebounds, no rings," the Heat are clearly not the type of team that will dominate on the backboards.

Only reigning MVP LeBron James is currently ranked among the NBA's top 30 rebounders in terms of average

A black and white portrait of Chris Bosh, showing him from the chest up, smiling at the camera.

Quoted

“If we win the rebounding by two, we’ll be in much, much, much better shape.” Chris Bosh

per game, and the Heat have a lineup that's outsized in nearly every game — sometimes by a significant amount.

“Rebounding is not something that you work on,” James said. “It’s a knack.”

Countered Heat coach Erik Spoelstra: “It’s interesting how sometimes we have the knack.”

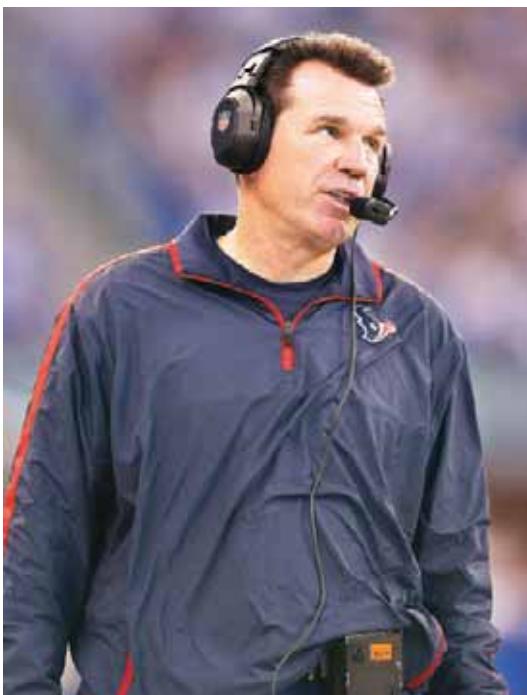
What they're doing is simply defying logic on some nights. The Heat have been out-rebounded by margins this season of 15, 17, 19 and 29 — and somehow, they went 40-1 in those games.

Rebounds, schmebounds?
Not exactly.

pretty much all season. "Guys are getting second-chance points on us," said centre Chris Bosh. "Teams are bigger than we are and a lot of time we're rotating, bringing our bigs away from the basket and teams are taking advantage of that, plain and simple. We need to figure out a way to fix it." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Who's afraid of the wild-card round?



Head coach Gary Kubiak of the Houston Texans looks on during a game against the Indianapolis Colts on Dec. 30 in Indianapolis. The Colts defeated the Texans 28-16. Houston lost three of its last four games and must now play in the wild-card round of the NFL playoffs. JOE ROBBINS/GETTY IMAGES

NFL One of the Super Bowl participants in six of last seven years didn't start the playoffs with a bye week

NFL teams have no fear of playing in the wild-card round.

Recent history shows the playoff bye isn't such a big deal anymore. In six of the last seven years, one of the Super Bowl participants didn't get a bye to begin the post-season. And five of those teams wound up winning the NFL title.

So Green Bay's blowing the bye by losing to Minnesota last Sunday might not be such a setback. Same for Houston, which had an even bigger fall, fumbling away home-field advantage throughout the AFC

Quoted

"The cool thing about the playoffs is that once you get in, anything can happen." Defensive end Jared Allen and his Minnesota Vikings just got in the playoffs as the No. 6 seed in the NFC.

playoffs as well as the week off, by losing three of its last four.

Of course, Texans coach Gary Kubiak recognizes the week-to-week nature of pro football, and how things can change quickly in seven days — and last for a month, right to a championship.

"That's life, and that's part of football," Kubiak said. "How'd you play last week? How have you played the last few weeks? What have you done lately? That's our world. We understand that, and it hasn't been good the last few weeks, so hopefully we get it better."

Nobody knows how to achieve that improvement more than the Packers. Two years ago, they barely squeezed into the playoffs, then raced to three road victories and then a win over Pittsburgh.

"I'd have preferred a week off, to be honest with you," Packers receiver Jordy Nelson said. "But we put ourselves in this situation throughout the whole year. It's not just this last game."

"Whatever it takes, we just have to win from here on out."

That begins Saturday night at Lambeau Field against Min-

Hot teams

Some teams already are on winning streaks.

- Denver has won 11 straight to grab the top spot in the AFC.
- Washington takes a seven-game winning streak into Sunday's home game against Seattle, winner of five in a row.

nesota. Had the Packers beaten the Vikings last Sunday, they would be sitting at home this weekend watching the Bears play at San Francisco. Instead, they will trudge onto the tundra to face rushing king Adrian Peterson, who ran around, through and over them for 199 yards to get the Vikings into the playoffs.

The Vikings had no chance for a bye; they never really were in the chase for the NFC North title. They're just glad to be in the tournament, knowing that the Steelers, Colts, Packers and Giants (twice) recently covered the lengthier route to the NFL championship. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Playoff analysis

Rushing puts teams over the top

As much as the NFL is a passing league, it still helps to be able to run the ball.

In playoff games during the Super Bowl era, teams with a 100-yard rusher are 157-37, an .809 winning percentage, while teams with a 300-yard passer are 57-66, only .463, according to STATS LLC.

The Redskins and Seahawks — who play each other Sunday — and the Vikings are unabashedly putting emphasis on running. That trio of playoff participants had the league's top rushers in Adrian Peterson, Alfred Morris and Marshawn Lynch.

The top three quarterbacks in yards passing, meanwhile, are done for the season: Drew Brees, Matthew Stafford and Tony Romo.

Says Washington's Santana Moss: "When you really want to win games, you have to have both parts of your offence working, the air and the ground."

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New York	22	10	.688	1
Atlanta	20	10	.667	2
Indiana	19	13	.594	4
Chicago	17	13	.567	5
Milwaukee	16	14	.533	6
Brooklyn	17	15	.531	6
Philadelphia	15	18	.455	8 ^{1/2}
Boston	14	17	.452	8 ^{1/2}
Toronto	12	20	.375	11
Orlando	12	20	.375	11
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L.A. Clippers	25	8	.758	—
Memphis	20	9	.690	3
Golden State	22	10	.688	2 ^{1/2}
Houston	18	14	.563	6 ^{1/2}
Denver	18	16	.529	7 ^{1/2}
Minnesota	15	14	.517	8
Portland	16	15	.516	8
Utah	16	17	.485	9
L.A. Lakers	15	16	.484	9
Dallas	13	20	.394	12
Sacramento	12	20	.375	12 ^{1/2}
Phoenix	12	21	.364	13
New Orleans	7	25	.219	17 ^{1/2}

Thursday's results

New York 100, San Antonio 83
Minnesota 101, Denver 97

Wednesday's results

Toronto 102, Portland 79

Brooklyn 110, Oklahoma City 93

Chicago 96, Orlando 94

Houston 104, New Orleans 92

Golden State 115, L.A. Clippers 94

Indiana 89, Washington 81

Memphis 93, Boston 83

Miami 119, Dallas 109 (OT)

Phoenix 95, Philadelphia 89

Sacramento 97, Cleveland 94

San Antonio 117, Milwaukee 110

Utah 106, Minnesota 84

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.

Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Indiana at Boston, 8 p.m.

Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.

Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Milos Raonic (2), Thornhill, Ont., 6-3, 6-4.

Alexandr Dolgopolov (4), Ukraine, def.

Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-2, 4-1, retired.

Kei Nishikori (5), Japan, def. Tommy

Robredo, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.

Juergen Melzer (7), Austria, def. David Goffin,

Belgium, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Lleyton

Hewitt, Australia, 7-5, 7-5.

Women's Singles — Quarter-finals

Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Ksenia

Pervak, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-0.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def.

Angelique Kerber (4), Germany, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

Second Round

Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Sabine

Lisicki, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.

ATP CHENNAI OPEN

At Chennai, India

Men's Doubles — First Round

Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Daniel Nestor

(1), Toronto, def. N. Sriram Balaji, India, and

Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, India, 6-3, 6-0.

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern

AFC — Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.

NFC — Minnesota at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Sunday's games

AFC — Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

NFC — Seattle at Washington, 4:30 p.m.

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 12

AFC — Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati

at Denver, 4:30 p.m.

NFC — Washington, Seattle or Green Bay

at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 13

NFC — Washington, Seattle or Minnesota

at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

AFC — Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston

at New England, 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 20

AFC and NFC, TBA

IIHF WORLD JUNIORS

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

Thursday's results

SEMIFINALS

U.S. 5 Canada 1

Sweden 3 Russia 2 (SO)

QUARTER-FINALS

U.S. 7 Czech Republic 0

Russia 4 Switzerland 3 (SO)

FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

FIFTH PLACE

Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 8 a.m.

Saturday's games

BRONZE MEDAL GAME

Canada vs. Russia, 4 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL

Sweden vs. U.S., 8 a.m.

RELEGATION BRACKET

GP W OTW OTL L GF GA Pt

Finland 2 2 0 0 0 13 1 6

Slovakia 2 1 1 0 0 7 4 5

Germany 2 0 0 1 1 10 1 1

Latvia 2 0 0 0 2 4 10 0

Thursday's result

Slovakia 5 Latvia 3

Wednesday's result

Finland 8 Germany 0

Friday's games

Latvia vs. Slovakia, 8 a.m.

Italian soccer

U.S. 5, CANADA 1

First Period

U.S. McCabe 2 (Reilly, Barber) 7:18.

2. U.S. McCabe 3 (Grimaldi, Trochek) 16:02.

Penalties — None.

Second Period

3. U.S. Gaudreau 6 (McCabe, Gibson) 7:28.

4. U.S. Vesey 1 (Gaudreau, Miller) 12:44.

Penalties — Nugent-Hopkins Cda (slashing) 6:48, Murphy 6:50, US (tripping) 6:46, Reinhart Cda (high-sticking) 14:20, Camara Cda (high-sticking) 18:54.

5. Canada, Rattie 3, 4:03 (sh)

6. U.S. Gaudreau 7 (Vesey, Miller) 5:41.

Penalties — Sheiffele Cda (kneeing), Siefloff US (handling the puck) 0:48, Canada bench (too many men; served by Ritchie) 2:57, Gaudreau US (high-sticking) 9:55, Camara Cda (high-sticking) 15:56, Danault Cda (kneeing) 18:58, Reinhart Cda (cross-checking) 20:00.

Shots on goal by

U.S. 12 12 16 — 42

Canada 8 10 16 — 34

Goal (shots-saves) — U.S.: Gibson (W, 4-2): Canada: Subban (L-4, 16-12), Binnington (12:44 second; 26-25).

Power plays (goals-chances) — U.S.: 0-6;

Canada: 0-2.

Attendance — 4,781 (8,250) at Ufa, Russia.

MLB

Former Blue Jays reliever signs with Rangers

Setup reliever Jason Frasor signed a \$1.5-million US, one-year deal

Thursday with the Texas Rangers.

The 35-year-old right-hander spent most of his career with Toronto, setting a Blue Jays franchise record with 505 appearances since his major league debut in 2004. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Racist chants mar friendly match

A friendly match between AC Milan and lower-division club Pro Patria was abandoned Thursday after Milan's players walked off the pitch because of racist chants, the latest incident of racial abuse blighting the sport in Europe.

After repeated chants directed his way, Ghanaian midfielder Kevin-Prince Boateng picked up the ball and kicked it at a section of the crowd in the 26th minute of the first half.

Even his firing was dramatic.

Boateng then took off his shirt and walked off with his Milan teammates. Urby Emanuelson, Sulley Muntari and M'Baye Niang were also targeted by the chants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL resume

Kelly was Edmonton's receivers coach before he got the Blue Bombers head-coaching job, which he called his "dream job." He'd been Winnipeg's offensive co-ordinator from 1992-96.

After an emergency board meeting that evening, then-chairman Ken Hildahl announced the Bombers were firing Kelly and it had nothing to do with his legal trouble.

The charges were later dropped and the record of it expunged.

"I know I have to rebuild myself and reprove myself," Kelly said. "I understand that I have to take a step back in order to move forward and I'm more than willing to do that. But I think I bring a breadth of knowledge to whatever position I have and an understanding of how to run an organization in this league."

Kelly lived in Winnipeg until last August, when he got a job as offensive co-ordinator for the varsity football team at Mariner

Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you have been thinking about taking a trip or arranging your next vacation now is the time to get serious about it. Don't go where other people want you to go — go where you feel most inspired.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

It may feel as if something good is going out of your life, and maybe it is, but something equally good will replace it within a matter of days. Don't worry: Lady Luck is still on your side.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You have only got to put a name to your dreams to see them come true. Can it really be that easy? Yes it can. Believe that you deserve the best and you will surely get it over the next few days.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

No doubt you wish you could close your eyes and ears to the chaos and confusion that is taking place around you but you can't, so you might as well get used to it. Maybe you should just get more involved.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to feel that you are doing something useful with your talents and today's Mars-Jupiter link will encourage you to reach out into the world and make a difference in some way. You can be a force for change.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will find it surprisingly easy to get your way on the work front today. Colleagues and employers seem to think that you can do no wrong and if you are smart you will make the most of it.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't let anyone tell you that you are aiming too high today. If anything you are still not aiming high enough. Mars and Jupiter combine in such a way now that no challenge is too much for you.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will have to make some big decisions over the next 24 hours and the good news is you will make them quickly and decisively. Financially and professionally you can and you must put your own needs first.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Partnership sand relationships are under good stars today, so reach out to friends and family and let them know how much you enjoy their company. A social event of some kind will bring you all closer together.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You feel stronger than you have for a long time and that's good, but don't suddenly push yourself beyond your natural limits because your body may not be able to take it. You are allowed to rest you know.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your luck will change for the better today. Not that it was bad before but suddenly everything seems to be going your way again. What is it you desire most? Focus on it and soon it will be yours.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It may seem as if your life is heading down a predestined course but that isn't strictly true. You can change your destiny any time you choose, but first you need to believe that it's possible. Start believing today. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword

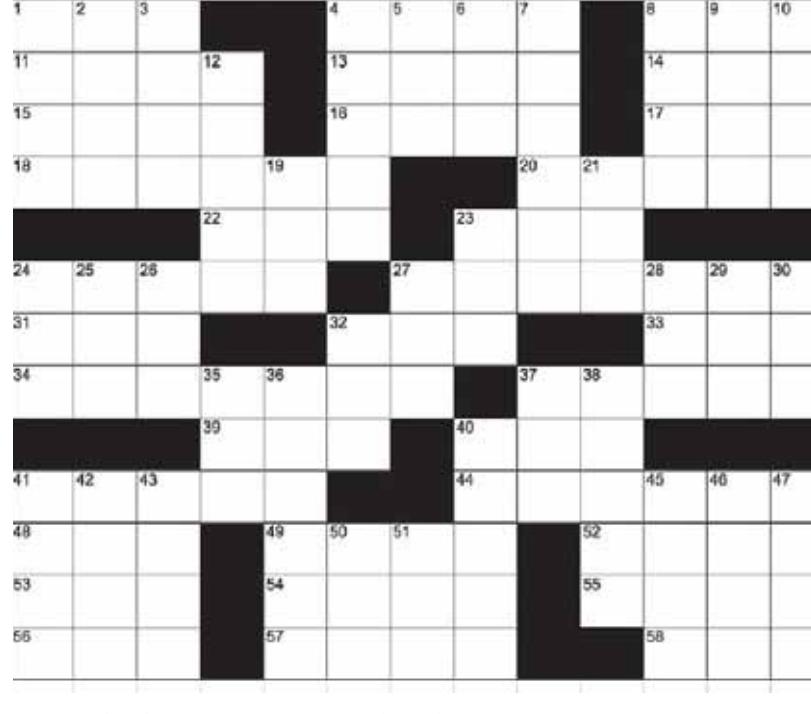
Across

- snail's pace (2 words)
- Halt
- Calendar square
- Clammy
- Luau fare
- Devoured
- Solo
- Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- Heavy weight
- Paper border
- Mine transports
- Summer on the Riviera
- "Anna and the King" actress Ling
- Not quite right
- On the same family tree
- Get into
- Police dept. rank
- Spanish gold
- Playing field
- Inclined
- Air quality org.
- Where the buoys are
- Give a speech
- Cell phone feature
- Buddy
- Close by
- Baby buggy
- St. crosser
- Jazzy Fitzgerald
- Sediment
- Superman foe Luther
- Regard
- Old video game letters

Down

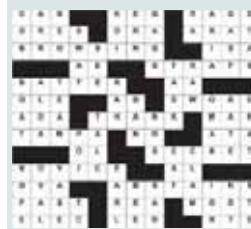
- Role for David Canary on All My Children
- "Gone with the Wind" plantation
- Eastern title
- "Romancing the —"
- Tartan topper
- Openings (anat.)
- Grand entrance
- Facts
- Wee bit
- Strong desires
- Book contents
- TGIF part
- Inlet
- Wager
- Total up
- Reply from Miss Piggy

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- October birthstone
- Great review
- Role for Michael J. Fox
- Emerald Isle
- Breathing sound
- Qty.
- Letter after ka in Spanish
- Bar order

Yesterday's Crossword



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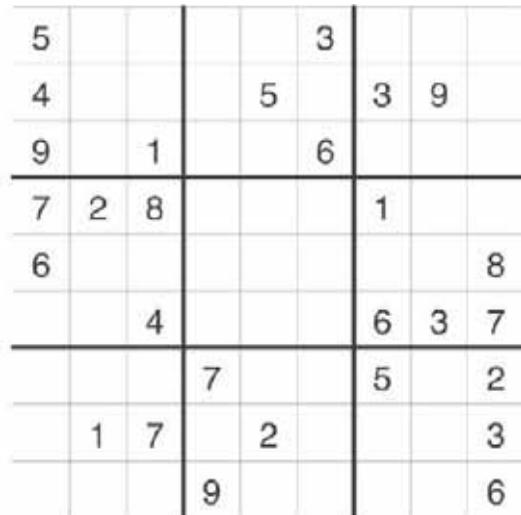
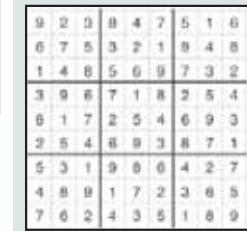
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Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



MAX: -2°
MIN: -8°



MAX: 0°
MIN: -9°



MAX: -2°
MIN: -7°



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